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**From:** Baranco, Angela  
**Sent:** Thur 1/28/2016 5:06:51 PM  
**Subject:** Re this morning's phone call. RE: TRI Reports for Asarco Hayden.

Hi Steve,

It was a pleasure talking with you this morning. Thank you for taking the time to explain your concerns about the TRI data system and for giving me more perspective. I also appreciate the additional information about Hickman's Ranch which you sent to Andrew Chew in our enforcement group. I will follow up with him regarding that later today.

I'm glad you will be able to participate on today's National TRI Data Analysis webinar. As a new relatively new regional TRI Program Coordinator, I have found that the TRI headquarters contacts are particularly good at listening and being responsive to regions, industry and community groups to provide the best possible outcomes or support.

As I mentioned during our discussion, I forwarded your emails to HQ contacts who will be on today's webinar and have already heard back from several this morning that they are eager to hear your feedback.

Please feel free to contact me after the webinar today.

**From:** Steve Brittle [mailto:smbrittle@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 5:01 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: TRI Reports for Asarco Hayden.

Please note these excerpts from the statutory requirements requiring EPA to manage

the data of the TRI and provide the Form R/Form R data to citizens surrounding covered facilities. Now that the data is no longer available to the public regarding individual facility Form R data like it used to be provided, it appears the law and statutory requirements are being violated.

(h) Use of release form

The release forms required under this section are intended to provide information to the Federal, State, and local governments and the public, including citizens of communities surrounding covered facilities. The release form shall be available, consistent with section 11044(a) of this title, to inform persons about releases of toxic chemicals to the environment; to assist governmental agencies, researchers, and other persons in the conduct of research and data gathering; to aid in the development of appropriate regulations, guidelines, and standards; and for other similar purposes.

(j) EPA management of data

The Administrator shall establish and maintain in a computer data base a national toxic chemical inventory based on data submitted to the Administrator under this section. The Administrator shall make these data accessible by computer telecommunication and other means to any person on a cost reimbursable basis.

(k) Report: Not later than June 30, 1991, the Comptroller General, in consultation with the Administrator and appropriate officials in the States, shall submit to the Congress a report including each of the following:

(1)

A description of the steps taken by the Administrator and the States to implement the requirements of this section, including steps taken to make information collected under this section available to and accessible by the public.

(2)

A description of the extent to which the information collected under this section has been used by the Environmental Protection Agency, other Federal agencies, the States, and the public, and the purposes for which the information has been used.

(3)

An identification and evaluation of options for modifications to the requirements of this section for the purpose of making information collected under this section more useful.

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016 3:10 PM, Steve Brittle <[smbrittle@yahoo.com](mailto:smbrittle@yahoo.com)> wrote:

thanks

I see that my concerns are well founded. None of the data communities want, need, or can feasibly use is available anymore, at least through any of the links provided.

One used to be able to look up a facility (using the link [http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/tris/tris\\_query.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/tris/tris_query.html)) and see the releases of chemicals from a facility in each year, making it easy to determine amounts and changes/reductions/increases in releases in all media and transfers. This is all gone.

Perspective: If an environmentalist who has actually used the TRI for years and who has also conducted extensive citizen suit enforcement of the TRI cannot figure out how to find any relevant data using the EPA TRI website, how would EPA expect a new user to figure it out? Without this data, citizen suit enforcement of the TRI is now impossible.

I am quite appalled about this, and want EPA to fix it. It used to work just fine...

Steve Brittle

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On Tuesday, January 26, 2016 4:55 PM, "Swanson, Charles" <[Swanson.Charles@epa.gov](mailto:Swanson.Charles@epa.gov)> wrote:

Steve,

I understand that you would like to discuss our new TRI web format with the folks in HQ. Our TRI program contacts page has this contact:

***TRI Webmaster***

***Issues Regarding:*** *Difficulty finding information*

***Contact:*** *E-mail your question, Joiner.Ken@epa.g*

Please let me know if you'd like to speak with other folks in the program and I will find the right contact for you.

I find this page a useful starting point: <http://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-data-and-tools>

From this page

1. Click on the Envirofacts link
2. Use the search page to find the facility
3. If more than one facility is listed pick the TRI Facility Report to see graphs and charts or go to the right and **click on the forms field to see form R**

Here is the link for the forms for Asarco Hayden:

[http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/trisquery.dcn\\_details?tris\\_id=85235SRCNC64ASA](http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/trisquery.dcn_details?tris_id=85235SRCNC64ASA)

Here is a link to the releases page for Asarco Hayden.

<http://www3.epa.gov/enviro/facts/tri/ef-facilities/#!/Release/85237SRCNCHWY17/ASARCO%20LLC%20RAY%20MINE%20OPERATIONS>

We can set up an Adobe Connect Webinar session to go through this if you would like.

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